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Winter Household Hazardous Waste Collection - One Chance Before Spring!

If Unadilla Bill was correct on Groundhog's Day, spring is just around the corner. While you're waiting for that warmer day, look around your garage and basement and check for any unwanted household chemicals. In late February, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department is offering county residents the first-ever winter opportunity to dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW). This *appointment-only* collection is for households only.

The collection will take place on Saturday, February 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in northeast Lincoln. Appointments are limited, so call 441-8084 as soon as possible for an appointment time. Callers will be asked to identify the types and approximate quantity of waste they plan to bring.

Items accepted at the HHW collections include pesticides, paint thinners, stains, polishes and waxes, turpentine, oil-based paint, pool cleaning chemicals, flea and tick powders, rodent poison, charcoal starter fluids, mixed or old gasoline, mercury-containing items including thermometers, upholstery cleaners, CFLs, grease removers, and brake and power steering fluids.

For information on recycling items that will not be accepted, check the city website at www.lincoln.ne.gov (keyword: recycling) or call 441-8021. The spring HHW collections will start April 30. A complete 2011 HHW schedule is available on the same website (keyword: household).

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